

II. Remarks

A. Introduction

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Claims 16-43 have been added. Claims 16, 25 and 34 are independent. No new matter has been added.

B. The rejection of Claims 1-15 is rendered moot by the cancellation of the claims

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO03/004558 (“the ‘558 reference”) in view of EP 0 967 245 (“the 245 reference”). Claims 1-15 have been cancelled thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

C. New Claims

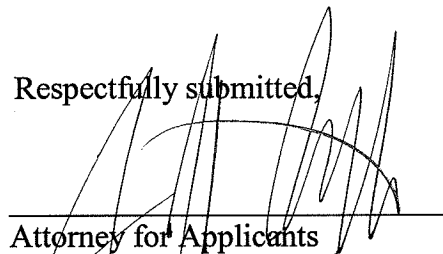
New Claims 16-43 have been added. New independent Claim 16 recites a stabilizer system comprising at least one indole. New independent Claim 25 recites a stabilizer system comprising at least one urea. New independent Claim 34 recites a stabilizer system comprising at least one alkanolamine. Neither the ‘558 reference nor the ‘245 reference recite the specific indoles of Claim 16, the specific ureas of Claim 25 or the specific alkanolamines of Claim 34, in combination with a perfluoroalkanesulphonate salt. Accordingly, Claims 16, 25 and 34, as well as the respective dependent claims, are patentable over the cited references, alone or in combination. Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

D. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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